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For : The FadD15 Gene of *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, Encoding an Acyl-CoA Synthase
Polypeptide (as amended)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004 is due by February 3, 2005. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: